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PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that OSVALDO SANTOS-CRUZ, 25, El Salvador, was sentenced to 85 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following his guilty plea to illegal reentry after deportation as an aggravated felon. This case was the result of a investigation by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

OSVALDO SANTOS-CRUZ was deported in 2005 from Miami, Florida back to El Salvador, his country of citizenship. SANTOS-CRUZ had been deported after his conviction and imprisonment for felony battery from the Allen County, Indiana Superior Court in 2004. He returned to the United States soon after his deportation and was discovered by ICE agents in Indiana in April, 2007.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, no fine was imposed. SANTOS-CRUZ is expected to be deported following his sentence.

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